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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

BRADSHAW ET AL.

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Title: LAMINATING AND ADHESIVE TRANSFER APPARATUS

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REQUEST FOR RESCHEDULING OF HEARING APPEAL NO. 2006-2744

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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests that the oral argument for the appeal in the above-captioned application, Appeal No. 2006-2744, be re-scheduled. Currently, the oral argument is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2006 at 1PM.

I am unable to attend that hearing because I will be away on a family vacation that was planned a few months ago. The vacation has already been paid for, the flights and accommodations are not refundable, and my wife has already locked in her vacation time for that period. Additionally, other members of my wife's family will be with us, and we have scheduled activities that have already been paid for. Thus, I cannot change my own vacation without affecting their schedules as well.

The oral argument cannot be delegated to someone else within my firm. I have been prosecuting this application for over 5 years, including handling an earlier appeal to the Board, which was remanded for further prosecution. I also prosecuted the parent application, and have been otherwise involved with this patent family for over 8 years. The associate that had originally prepared the briefs and assisted me with the prosecution is no longer with the firm. As such, I am the only attorney intimately familiar with the prosecution of the application. Additionally, this application is extremely important to my client, and I am the lead attorney that the client expects to argue the appeal.


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For purposes of assisting the Board in re-scheduling the oral argument, I have a two week trial in federal court scheduled for January 23, 2007, and expect to be out of town the week of December 25th with family for the holidays. Otherwise, I am generally available any time starting with the week after the current hearing date, or any time in the weeks before the current hearing date.

For these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the oral hearing be rescheduled. If there are any questions or concerns, the Board is free to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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